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For : DNA SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE DR  $\beta$ -CHAIN LOCUS  
OF THE HUMAN LYMPHOCYTE ANTIGEN COMPLEX AND  
POLYPEPTIDES, DIAGNOSTIC TYPING PROCESSES AND  
PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO

New York, New York  
January 22, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the July 21, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for three months, from October 21, 2000 up to and including January 21, 2001, and have paid the requisite fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a), 1.17(a)(3)].